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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: UNDER NEWLY ESTABLISHED IMPORT SYSTEM, GOMR WILL ESTABLISH SEMI-ANNUAL QUOTAS BY PRODUCT OR PRODUCT GROUPS WHICH WILL BE APPLICABLE TO ALL IMPORTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR IMPORT OF US GOODS WILL BE ESSENTIALLY SAME AS UNDER PREVIOUS SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND DINANCE HAS ISSUED THREE NOTICES, DATED AUGUST 27, WHICH PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON OPERATION OF NEW MALAGASY IMPORT SYSTEM PROMULGATED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON AUGUST 24 (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO THESE NOTICES, BASIS OF SYSTEM WILL BE SEMI-ANNUAL QUOTAS ESTABLISHED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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GOMR BY PRODUCT OR PRODUCT GROUPS FOR ALL IMPORTS FROM

ALL COUNTRIES. IN ESSENCE, NEW SYSTEM WILL BE SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ONE EXCEPT THAT, UNTIL NOW, QUOTAS WERE APPLICABLE ONLY TO GOODS COMING FROM NON EEC AND NON-FRENCH FRANC ZONE COUNTRIES. (PREVIOUSLY, IMPORTS FROM EEC AND FRENCH FRANC ZONE COUNTRIES WERE NOT LIMITED IN ANY WAY EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES, E.G. WITH RESPECT TO PRODUCTS FOR WHICH DOMESTIC PRODUCTION WAS BEING PROMOTED). FIRST QUOTAS UNDER NEW SYSTEM WILL COVER PERIOD JULY-DECEMBER 1973.

3. AS UNDER PREVIOUS SYSTEM, SEMI-ANNUAL QUOTAS WILL BE DIVIDED UP BY GOMR ON BASIS REQUESTS FROM IMPORTERS. REQUESTS FOR ALLOCATIONS FOR FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL QUOTA MUST BE SUBMITTED TO GOMR BY SEPTEMBER 29, 1973. ACCORDING TO NOTICES, IN DETERMINATION OF QUOTA ALLOCATIONS, PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO PRODUCTS WITH CHEAPEST PRICE IF QUALITY IS SAME.

4. UNDER NEW SYSTEM, ALL IMPORTED GOODS WILL REQUIRE LICENSES WHICH WILL BE ISSUED ON BASIS OF IMPORT QUOTA ALLOCATIONS. LICENSES WILL BE VALID ONLY FOR IMPORT QUOTA PERIOD FOR WHICH THEY ARE ISSUED. SINCE UNDER PREVIOUS SYSTEM, US GOODS COULD BE IMPORTED ONLY ON BASIS IMPORT QUOTAS AND ONLY WITH IMPORT LICENSES, NEW GOMR REGULATIONS DO NOT SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR US IMPORTS. DOCUMENTATION NOW REQUIRED BY IMPORTERS TO OBTAIN IMPORT LICENSES IN SAME AS SPELLED OUT PAGE 6, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORT "FOREIGN TRADE REGULATIONS OF MALAGASY REPUBLIC", SEPTEMBER 1968.

5. EMBASSY WILL AIR POUCH COMMERCE COPIES OF FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL IMPORT QUOTAS (JULY-DEC. 1973), AS SOON AS THEY ARE PUBLISHED, ALONG WITH EMBASSY TRANSLATIONS OF NOTICES MENTIONED ABOVE.
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